

Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2008 Organizational Meeting - Charter Commission of Bar Harbor, ME

Attendees: Enoch Albert, Les Brewer, Dick Cough, Dick Fox, Mike Gurtler, Dave Woodside, Jill Goldthwait, Jill Weber, Pat Gray (Town Clerk), Dana Reed (Town Manager), Dick Broom (BH Times) and Rob Levin (MDI Islander). Member Ken Smith was excused.

The meeting was opened at 8:35am by Pat Gray, Town Clerk.

Ms. Gray proceeded to "swear in" all members present.

Ms. Gray then requested nominations for officers and followed each nomination with the election for that office. The results of the elections were:

Chair-person - Jill Goldthwait
Vice Chair - Dave Woodside
Secretary - Mike Gurtler

Ms. Gary then turned the facilitation of the meeting over to the newly elected Chair.

The Commission discussed the required Public Hearing and scheduled the first Public Hearing for Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall as space is available. Other sites were discussed should the Town facilities not be available.

The Chair requested that the media present publish information about the Commission and Public Hearing. In addition, the Commission will develop a single-page information sheet and a summary of the current Charter for distribution. The Secretary will provide a press release prior to the Public Hearing with general information about the meeting and the Commission. The Town Clerk will provide public notice of the meeting that meets required guidelines.

The Commission discussed process ideas for the Charter review. A number of ideas were presented; these included:

- . The use of a Facilitator to lead small and large group discussions
- . Assigning sections of the Charter for review by small teams made up of Commission members
- . Presenting information on other possible Charters and forms of town government

The Commission requested that the January 14th Public Hearing be televised by the Town.

The Commission requested that the Town develop a section on its Website to publish information about the Commission, the Charter and any related materials.

The Commission decided to schedule regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month beginning with January 27, 2009 at 5pm. The Commission will decide in February 2009 if this meeting schedule will continue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20am

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Gurtler, Secretary

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